

# With Edged Tools

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Durnovo obeyed him meekly. "Tell me," he said, "have you ever heard of simiacine?"

"I cannot say that I have," replied Jack. "What is it for, brown boots or spasm?"

"It is a drug, the most expensive drug in the market. And they must have it, they cannot do without it, and they cannot find a substitute. It is the leaf of a shrub, and your hawthorn is worth a thousand pounds."

"Where is it to be found?" asked Jack. Meredith. "I should like some in a sack."

"Ah, you may laugh now, but you won't when you hear all about it. The scientific chaps called it simiacine, because of an old African legend which, like all those things, has a grain of truth in it. The legend is that the monkeys first found out the properties of the leaf, and it is because they live on it that they are so strong. Do you know that a gorilla's arm is not half so thick as yours, and yet he would take you and snap your backbone across his knee? He would bend a gun barrel as you would bend a cane, merely by the turn of his wrist. That is simiacine. He can hang on to a tree with one leg and tackle a leopard with his bare hands—that's simiacine. At home they are only just beginning to find out its properties. It seems that it can bring a man back to life when he is more than half dead. There is no knowing what children that are brought up on it may turn out to be. It may double the power of the human brain; some think it will."

Jack Meredith was leaning forward, watching with a certain sense of fascination the wild, disease-stricken face, listening to the man's breathless periods. It seemed that the fear of death, which had got hold of him, gave Victor Durnovo no time to pause for breath.

"Yes," said the Englishman. "yes, go on."

"There is practically no limit to the demand that there is for it. At present the only way of obtaining it is through the natives, and you know their manner of trading. They send a little packet down from the interior, and it very often takes two months and more to reach the buyer's hands. The money is sent back the same way and each man who fingers it keeps a little. The natives and the rest in the forests by the aid of trained monkeys and only in very small quantities. Do you follow me?"

"Yes, I follow you."

Victor Durnovo leaned forward until his face was within three inches of Meredith's, and the dark, wild eyes flashed and glared into the Englishman's steady gaze.

"What," he hissed—"what if I know where simiacine grows like a weed? What if I could supply the world with simiacine at my own price? Eh-h-h! What of that, Mr. Meredith?"

He threw himself suddenly back and wiped his dripping face. There was a silence, the great African silence that drives educated men mad and fills the imagination of the poor heathen with wild tales of devils and spirits.

Then Jack Meredith spoke without moving.

"I'm your man," he said, "with a few more details."

Victor Durnovo was lying back at full length on the hard, dry mud, his arms beneath his head. Without altering his position, he gave the details, speaking slowly and much more quietly. It seemed as if he spoke the result of long pent up thought.

"We shall want," he said, "at least \$2,000 to start it, for we must have an armed force of our own. We have to penetrate a cannibal country of the fiercest devils in Africa. It is a plateau, a little plateau of two square miles, and the natives think that it is haunted by an evil spirit. When we get there we shall have to hold it by force of arms, and when we send the stuff down to the coast we must have an escort of picked men. The bushes grow up there as thick as gooseberry bushes in a garden at home. With a little cultivation they will yield twice as much as they do now. We shall want another partner. I know a man, a soldierly fellow, full of fight, who knows the natives and the country. I will undertake to lead you there, but you will have to take great care of me."

You will have to have me carried most of the way. I am weak, devilish weak, and I am afraid of dying, but I know the way there, and no other man can say as much. It is in my head here; it is not written down. It is only in my head, and no one can get it out of there."

"No," said Meredith in his quiet, refined voice—"no, no one can get it out. Come, let us turn in. Tomorrow I will go down the river with you. I will turn back, and we can talk it over as we go downstream."

CHAPTER VIII.

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There was plenty of work for each to do. In Africa Meredith had undertaken to get together men and boats,

while Durnovo went home to Europe for a threefold purpose. First, a visit to Europe was absolutely necessary for his health, shattered as it was by too long a sojourn in the fever-ridden river beds of the west coast. Secondly, there were rifles, ammunition and stores to be purchased and packed in suitable cases. And, lastly, he was to find and enlist the third man, "the soldierly fellow, full of fight," who knew the natives and the country.

This, indeed, was his first care on reaching London, and before his eyes and brain were accustomed to the roar of the street life he took a cab to Russell square, giving the number affixed to the door of a gloomy house in the least frequented corner of the stately quadrangle.

"Is Mr. Guy Oscar at home?" he inquired of the grave man servant.

"He is, sir," replied the butler, stepping aside.

Oscar came forward and shook hands. His manner was not exactly effusive. The truth was that their acquaintanceship in Africa had been of the slightest, dating from some trivial services which Durnovo had been able and very eager to render to the sportsman.

"I'm all right, thanks," replied Durnovo. "I only landed at Liverpool yesterday. I'm home on business. I'm buying rifles and stores."

Guy Oscar's honest face lighted up at once—the curse of Ishamel was on him in its full force. He was destined to be a wanderer on God's earth, and all things appertaining to the wild life of the forests were music in his ears. Durnovo was no mean diplomatist. He had learned to know man within a white or colored skin. The effect of his words was patent to him.

"You remember the simiacine?" he said abruptly.

"Yes."

"I've found it."

"The deuce you have! Sit down." Durnovo took the chair indicated.

"Yes, sir," he said, "I've got it. I've laid my hand on it at last. I've always been on its track. That has been my little game all the time. I did not tell you when we met out there, because I was afraid I should never find it and because I wanted to keep quiet about it."

Guy Oscar was looking out of the window across to the dull houses and chimneys that formed his horizon, and in his eyes there was the longing for a vaster horizon, a larger life.

"I have got a partner," continued Durnovo, "a good man, Jack Meredith, son of Sir John Meredith. You have, perhaps, met him."

"No," answered Oscar, "but I have heard his name, and I have met Sir John, the father, once or twice."

"He is out there," went on Durnovo.

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## SENSATION MAY BE SOON ANTICIPATED

Local Druggist Secures Celebrated Cooper Remedies.

Statement by a Leading Druggist in St. Louis Indicates Their Success Genuine.

### THEY HAVE UPSET ST. LOUIS

Will Paducah be affected with the same astonishing demand for the new preparations extolled by L. T. Cooper, as has visited St. Louis and the leading cities of the east?

The question is brought forth by the fact that a local druggist has secured the agency for the much-talked-of preparations that are producing such a furor, and about which the newspapers of the United States have devoted columns.

In fact a discussion of Cooper's preparations and the unheard-of demand for them wherever introduced has appeared in a greater part of all the leading dailies of the country.

The recently published statement of the manager of the Wolf-Wilson Drug company, of St. Louis, which appeared in the Post-Dispatch and Globe-Democrat of that city, would seem to indicate that with no exception these preparations produced the same results in all sections, regardless of what pressure is brought to bear against the medicines.

His statement is as follows:

"This talk about St. Louis going mad over Mr. Cooper is absurd. If his preparations did not do all that is claimed for them there would be no demand. Mr. Cooper has nothing whatever to do with it."

"The idea that his personality has something to do with the sale of his medicines, and that the people of this city only imagine they have been benefited is too far-fetched to be seriously considered."

"One physician says the people have a disease called 'Cooper-mania.' This may be clever, but it certainly is not true."

"I have sold these preparations on trial ever since Mr. Cooper made my store his headquarters. Any one can receive whatever they pay for the preparations instantly if they are not satisfied. If the people are infatuated with Mr. Cooper, as is claimed, and therefore buy his medicines why don't they come and ask for their money after they have taken them? Out of the thousands of bottles we have sold almost none have been returned."

"As a matter of fact, St. Louis is no exception in the immense demand for these preparations. Before Mr. Cooper came to this city, I received letters from leading druggists throughout the east telling me that wherever he goes his preparations are sold almost to the exclusion of all others."

"Every city in this country where these medicines have been introduced has had the same experience as St. Louis. This ought to be proof positive that the people know what they are about."

In the light of this statement it will be interesting to see how these preparations are received in Paducah.

RISKS HIS LIFE TO SAVE CHILD

Brakeman, Hanging From Engine Pilot, Grabs Tot From Track.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Oct. 12.—Brakeman Nels Hagens, of the Wisconsin Central, supported by Harvey Wright, another brakeman, swung out ahead of the pilot of an engine near Medford today and scooped from death a child which was playing on the track. The engineer tried to stop the train, but the brakes refused to work. Hagens, seeing the child's peril, ran out on the footboard of the engine and effected his daring rescue.

WOMAN'S DEATH HELD MURDER

Mrs. Collins of Parker, S. D., Found to Have Been Killed.

Parker, S. D., Oct. 12.—The coroner's jury investigating the mysterious death of Mrs. Harry B. Collins returned a verdict today that she was killed by chloroform administered by unknown persons. Robbery is ascribed as the motive for the crime. The husband of the dead woman, his brother and several others were closely questioned, but they shed no light on the mystery.

The Texas Wonder

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## VINOL'S RELIABILITY.

Prominent Physicians Join With W. B. McPherson in Recommending Vinol.

Countless physicians and druggists are now prescribing and endorsing Vinol as the most valuable cod liver oil preparation known to medicine, and it is fast superseding all other forms of cod liver oil and emulsions.

A prominent physician writes: "I am satisfied that Vinol derives its wonderful life-giving and strength-creating power from the medical curative elements found in the cod's liver. It is the best strength creator and vitalizer for old people, weak women, children and the convalescent that I ever saw."

Another physician writes: "I could cite many cases where health has been restored in a surprisingly short time by Vinol. I should be very sorry to have to do without Vinol in my practice. It has no equal for hard colds, throat and bronchial troubles."

Now, when we tell you that we have never sold in our store a remedy of more remarkable curative and strength-creating power than Vinol, for the weak, the sick and the aged, and that, if it fails to accomplish what we say it will, we will refund your money without question, it shows you our faith in the preparation.

Try Vinol on our guarantee, W. B. McPherson, Druggist.

Note—While we are sole agents for Vinol in Paducah, it is now for sale at the leading drug stores in nearly every town and city in the country. Look for the Vinol agency in your town.

### WILL BOYCOTT ROOSEVELT MEN

Threatening Letters Received in New Orleans From South America.

New Orleans, Oct. 12.—New Orleans firms have received printed circulars threatening that South American countries will boycott the goods of American firms who support the principles of President Roosevelt at the next election.

"President Roosevelt," the circular says, "has said that the Latin-American countries are bound to disappear because they are small," and that the Democratic party "is disposed to fraternize with us and treat us on an equal basis."

It is claimed that the organization, which is called the "Sublime Brotherhood of Zagues," is built on a military basis independent of the governments, and that it already has established 117 boycott committees. The circular was prepared at Caracas, Venezuela, and mailed at San Jose, Costa Rica.

### COAL AND CARTS.

Confiscated by Special Officer of the Illinois Central.

Nearly 100 bushels of coal and 13 push carts with nearly 100 slick baskets were confiscated by Dick Tolbert, special officer for the Illinois Central.

He is keeping "wise" to the movements of coal pickers and has become a terror of the small boy along the tracks.

### WATER NOTICE.

Patrons of the Water Company are reminded that their water rent expired September 30. Those who desire to renew them should do so before it is forgotten, as all premises not paid for on or before October 10, will be shut off.

The prompt payment of water rents will save vexation and cost to the consumer, and unpleasant duties and annoyance to the company.

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FRANCES MARIE KNOWLTON, 980 Garfield Boulevard, Chicago, Ill., Age 4 Years.

Little Frances Knowlton's beautiful head of golden hair has made her famous the world over. She is only four years old and her hair grows within one foot of the floor. Dr. E. W. Knowlton, her father, the discoverer of Danderine, and attributes the beauty of her wonderful growth of hair to the extraordinary hair strengthening qualities of this great hair growing remedy. It has been tested on hundreds of others and has proven absolutely successful in every case. NOW on sale at all druggists, three-cent, 25-cent, 50-cent, and \$1.00 per bottle. KNOWLTON DANDERINE CO., Chicago.

TRADE TO ORIENT SHOWS INCREASE

Russian War Caused An Abnormal Demand.

Normal Conditions Resumed and Exports Are Greater Than in 1904.

CHINA AND JAPAN AFFECTED

Washington, Oct. 12.—A marked characteristic of the export trade of the United States in recent months is a reduction in the value of exports to China and Japan. The total value of merchandise exported to China in the eight months ending with August, 1906, is but 22 million dollars, against 42 millions in the corresponding months of 1905, and to Japan 21 millions, against 39 millions in the same months of 1905, while to Asia as a whole, the exports are but 58 millions, as against 95 millions in the corresponding months of 1905.

The cause of this startling reduction in the export figures to China and Japan is apparent from an examination of the figures of the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor, coupled with certain well-known facts regarding conditions in those countries in the early part of 1905 compared with those of today. The war between Japan and Russia, occurring in the northern section of China, a section in which American merchandise is extremely popular, practically closed that part of the Chinese Empire to imports.

The lack of foreign merchandise in that section at the close of the war period resulted in abnormally large orders upon the United States for merchandise to be sold in that section of China. In addition to these unusually large orders for general merchandise, the provincial governments of China ordered large quantities of copper for making the new copper coins being turned out in large numbers by mints which were working night and day in their production, and as the United States is by far the largest copper-producing country in the world, the bulk of these orders were placed in this country.

As a result of these two abnormal conditions of demand in China for American merchandise, the exports from the United States to China in the first eight months of 1906 were three times as great as in the corresponding months of 1904 and twice as great as in any year in the history of our trade with that country.

This unusually large importation of American cottons, coupled with large importations from other countries, proved in excess of the immediate consuming power of the market, and as a consequence, further demand for cotton goods rapidly declined.

As a consequence of the two conditions above named, the exports of cotton goods to China in the first eight months of 1906 were but 14 1-2 million dollars, against 22 1-2 millions in the same months of 1905, and of copper only a half million dollars against over 10 millions in the corresponding months of 1905.

The peculiar conditions which suddenly doubled our exports to China having been removed, as above indicated, the trade has resumed practically its normal state, but the figures of 1906 exceed by about 30 per cent the highest figure of any corresponding period except that of 1905, thus indicating that the general advance in exports to China is being maintained.

The falling off in the exports to Japan, which is as strongly marked as those to China, is also due to a return to ordinary conditions in that trade. The unusually large demand in Japan for canned beef, flour, cotton cloth, and sole leather from the United States, due to the requirements for army use, was greatly reduced at the close of the war.

To other parts of the Orient the export figures of 1906 are unusually large. The total exports to Korea in the eight months ending with August, 1906, exceeded 1 million dollars, against the highwater mark of about one-half a million in 1904. Those to Asiatic Russia exceeded 1 1-2 millions, against an average of less than one-half a million dollars per annum in recent years, those to Australia and New Zealand over 20 millions, against 17 1-2 millions in the same months of 1904, and to the Philippine Islands 4 1-2 millions, against 4 millions in the corresponding months of 1905, and 3 millions in the corresponding months of 1904. To Asia and Oceania, as a whole, the exports of the eight months ending with August, 1906, exceeded by over 12 million dollars the highest figure in the corresponding months of any earlier year ex-

## NO MAN IS STRONGER THAN HIS STOMACH.

Let the greatest athlete have dyspepsia and his muscles would soon fail. Physical strength is derived from food. If a man has insufficient food he loses strength. If he has no food he dies. Food is converted into nutrition through the stomach and bowels. It depends on the strength of the stomach to what extent food eaten is digested and assimilated. People can die of starvation who have abundant food to eat, when the stomach and its associate organs of digestion and nutrition do not perform their duty. Thus the stomach is really the vital organ of the body. If the stomach is "weak" the body will be weak also, because it is upon the stomach the body relies for its strength. And as the body is considered as a whole, is made up of its several members and organs, so the weakness of the body as a consequence of "weak" stomach will be distributed among the organs which compose the body. If the body is weak because it is ill-nourished that physical weakness will be found in all the organs—heart, liver, kidneys, etc. The liver will be torpid and inactive, giving rise to biliousness, loss of appetite, weak nerves, feeble or irregular action of heart, palpitation, dizziness, headache, backache and kindred disturbances and weaknesses.

Mr. Louis Para, of Quebec, writes: "For years after my stomach began to fail, my head grew dizzy, eyes pained and my stomach was sore all the time, while everything I would eat would come up and I felt as if I had a stone in my stomach. The doctor claimed that my powers regularly yet I felt no better. My wife advised me to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and stop taking the doctor's medicine. She bought me a bottle and we soon found that I began to improve, so I kept up the treatment. I feel on fresh and stomach became normal, the digestive organs worked perfectly and I soon began to look like a different person. I can never repay Dr. Pierce for what your medicine has done for me and I certainly give it highest praise." Don't be misled by a penny-grabbing dealer into taking inferior substitutes for Dr. Pierce's medicines, recommended to be "just as good."

To gain knowledge of your own body—its sickness and health—send for the People's Common Sense Medical Adviser. A book of 308 pages. Send 21 one-cent stamps for paper-covered copy, or 27 stamps for cloth-bound copy. Address Dr. J. C. Pierce, 603 Main Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

cept 1905, when they were unusually high by reason of the abnormal conditions above outlined.

Claim Notice.

McCracken Circuit Court, C. A. Isbell, plaintiff, vs. petition in equity, F. G. Rudolph, administrator of Addie Howell, deceased, etc., defendants.

Ordered that this action be referred to Cecil Reed, master, commissioner of McCracken Circuit court to take proof of assets and liabilities of the estate of Addie Howell, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are required to properly verify and file the same, before said commissioner, on or before the 3rd day of December, 1906, or they will be forever barred from asserting any claim against the assets in the hands of F. G. Rudolph, administrator of said estate unadministered; and all persons are hereby enjoined and restrained from collecting their claims against said estate except through this suit. Ordered that this order be published in the Paducah Daily Sun as required by law.

Given under my hand as Clerk of said court, this, the 11th day of October, 1906

J. A. MILLER, Clerk.

By R. B. Hay, D. C.

J. W. Egester, Attorney.

A MOST WORTHY ARTICLE

When an article has been on the market for years and gains friends every year it is safe to call this medicine a worthy one. Such is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It positively cures Coughs and all Pulmonary Diseases. One of the best known merchants in Mobile, Ala., says: "For five years my family has not been troubled with the winter coughs. We owe this to Ballard's Horehound Syrup. I know it saved my children from many sick spells."

Sold by all druggists.

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Facts About Miss Merkle's Dangerous Illness and Complete Cure

Have you ever thought why so many women or girls rather walk an hour than stand still for ten minutes?

It is because most women suffer from some derangement of their delicate organism, the discomfort of which is lessening when they are in motion than when standing.

In some states laws compel employers to provide resting places for their female employees.

But no amount of law can regulate the hard tasks of these women. They must get the strength which this work demands or run the risk of serious diseases and the surgeon's knife.

Read the experience of Miss Margaret Merkle, 275 3d Street, Milwaukee, Wis.:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

"Gradual loss of strength, nervousness, bearing-down pains and extreme irritation compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor said I had diseased organs and ulceration, and advised an operation if I wanted to get well. I objected to this and decided to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. I soon found that all the good things said about this great medicine were true. The ulceration soon healed, backache, headache and nervousness disappeared, and in a short time I was strong, vigorous and perfectly well. I wish every working girl who suffers would try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a vegetable tonic which invigorates and strengthens the entire female organism, and will produce the same beneficial results in the cases of other sick women as with Miss Merkle.

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